

# THE HOWELL H. GWIN SCHOLARSHIP

## MSU ENGLISH DEPARTMENT

In 1982, the Gwin family established the Howell H. Gwin Scholarships, in memory of Professor Gwin, a distinguished member of the English faculty for the previous twenty-five years. Beginning in 1989, Mrs. Gwin endowed the Gwin Scholarships. They have become a continuing part of the Department of English's scholarship program.

The three Gwin Scholarships support first-year English graduate students and juniors or seniors majoring in English.

### Graduate Scholarships:

The Gwin Endowment allows the Department of English to award up to two scholarships. The first is for \$1000, and the second is for \$500. Both are non-renewable. Beginning graduate students are eligible for this competition.

### Undergraduate Scholarships:

One or more non-renewable \$500 scholarships may be awarded to junior or senior students.

### Application Guidelines:

The Department's application form requires applicants to submit supporting material:

1. an official transcript from the college(s) which they have attended,
2. two critical essays (one of which may be documented) which they submitted as part of their undergraduate course requirements,
3. three letters of recommendation from persons familiar with the applicant's academic performance.

### Deadlines:

The deadline for the Gwin Scholarship Committee to receive applications and supporting materials is May 1. Applications and supporting documents must be forwarded to:

Professor Matthew Little, Chair  
Gwin Scholarship Committee  
Post Office Box E  
Mississippi State, MS 39762

### Special Note:

Gwin Scholars and their parents are honored each fall at a reception in Mrs. Gwin's home on the afternoon prior to MSU's annual Homecoming celebration. This event, which the President of the University typically attends, reflects Mrs. Gwin's and the Department's commitment to the Gwin Scholarship program.

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**Date of application:** \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number(s): \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Undergraduate college(s) attended: \_\_\_\_\_

Undergraduate major: \_\_\_\_\_ Minor: \_\_\_\_\_

Undergraduate grade point average: \_\_\_\_\_

ACT scores: (Composite) \_\_\_\_\_ (English) \_\_\_\_\_

Have you applied for admission to MSU? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Have you applied to the MSU Office of Student Aid for a grant or loan? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Are you applying for the Graduate or Undergraduate Scholarship? \_\_\_\_\_

**Please provide the following:**

1. Letters of recommendation from three individuals who are familiar with your academic performance.\*
2. One letter of recommendation from a former employer.\* (optional)
3. Two critical papers (one of which must be documented) which you submitted for college--level English courses.
4. GRE scores for graduate scholarship applicants (optional).

\*Your references should send their letter directly to:

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